

March 3, 2006

Mr. Richard Chavez  
Director, Commodity Procurement Policy & Analysis Division, Farm Service Agency  
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
Rm. 5755-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, S. W.  
Washington, DC 20250-0512

Dear Mr. Chavez:

The Illinois International Port District wishes to inform you that it wholeheartedly supports the comments presented by Mr. Kevin Tunney of Transfer Logistics at the February 21, 2006 meeting held by USDA in Washington regarding the proposed rulemaking changes to commodities procurement.

The movement of this cargo is of vital importance to the Port of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and those people who are providing this economic and worthwhile advantage to the system. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me; and if you would, please keep me abreast of the rulemaking changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony G. Ianello, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Illinois International Port District

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